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Trapped in amber We melt like candle wax Into a cool stream That permeates walls into becoming Like a cloud that defies description There can be no inscription You lack the diction Flow of the motion Like birds in the sky Or fish in the ocean There is no repeat or return We are a wild fire that burns and burns Call me the river or wind Can you find roots that begin? The presupposition of a present to enframe But it all slips away The false dichotomy of life and decay It all changes and breaks Like a forest in flames to make way for the seed The present springs forth

Like blood gushing as we bleed

The red flow from the heart to the ground

A new spatial field

Whose lines escape cartography in the details

The colour of the amber pervaides the sight

The melting, a reminder of being alive

Take the blood from another with the edge of a knife

If a tree would bleed you clean water to drink to quench your first you'd drink it

In caves, with still quiet pools, you wouldn't think it

But there no fountains atop mountains

And you're licking droplets off the rock walls

In a place devoid of scent

The absence it consumes all

You're all the children of Abraham

Laid out as sacrificial lambs

In your Faustian bargains

Trading on the market floor

Get out of my sunlight

Your shadows draw the lines

Inscribing a map behind

The presence of dimensions in shape and time

The ending isn't traumatic or static

It's just death

The transience of our flow through breath

Another becoming

Now let the sun in